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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/613,814
Filing Date	July 11, 2000
First Named Inventor	T. KOBAYASHI et al.
Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	J. Guarriello
Attorney Docket Number	2038-247

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$750.00 or \$375.00)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Toshio KOBAYASHI et al.

Serial No. 09/613,814

Filed: July 11, 2000

For: ELASTICALLY STRETCHABLE COMPOSITE SHEET

: EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
: Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

: Group Art Unit: 1771

: Examiner: J. Guarriello

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	30	20	10	x \$ 18 =	\$180.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$ 84 =	\$ 0.00
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00					
Fee for extension of time					
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$180.00</b>

☒ A credit card authorization form in the amount of \$180.00 is attached

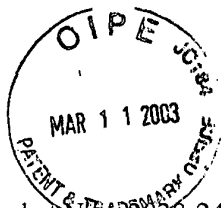
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: ELASTICALLY STRETCHABLE COMPOSITE SHEET

**SUBMISSION UNDER RULE 114**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2002, which was made Final. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.

This Amendment is presented in the **revised amendment format** that came into effect on January 31, 2003. No clean version of the amended claims and/or specification is required.